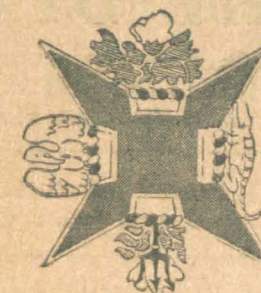




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Dixie Lines Never Broken In Corps Game

Made Orderly Retreat When West Flank Weakened Under Assault Of Armored Attack.

"The Dixie Division successfully held the strong motorized and armored forces last week in the corps problem until the Red army's west flank was penetrated. To escape encirclement battalions made an orderly retreat."

This statement was made by Maj. Gen. John C. Persons, 31st Div. Commander, who was assigned by Maj. Gen. O. W. Griswold to command the Corps in the problem. Brig. Gen. Louis F. Guerre, commanding general of the 61st Brigade led the Dixie Division in the battle.

The problem was designed to test foot soldiers against a heavily mechanized foe. The Red army, made up of the 31st, 43rd, Corps troops, 6th Cavalry, 107th Cavalry, 74th Field Artillery Brigade and IV Corps attached troops.

Two of the United States army's crack armored units opposed the corps. They were first and second Armored Divisions and the "Rolling Fourth" which will be a component of the IV Corps in the G. H. Q. directed problem.

The Dixie Division was never penetrated.

Gen. Guerre and his unit commanders were assigned the task of attacking a wide sector. The first armored division was soon encountered and held until the Red troops on the west flank weakened and tanks thundered through its lines.

On the direction of Gen. Persons, commanding the corps, all units were ordered to retreat.

Though the problem was short, two units were outstanding when they accomplished difficult assignments.

The First Battalion, 155th Infantry, under the command of Lt. Col. Robert, Lt. Col. Fred E. Nichols, broke through Blue enemy lines and under heavy fire, fought their way back to a position deep in the invader's territory and at the end of the problem were still harassing troops.

Lt. Paul D. Langsford slowed the progress of the armored and mechanized units when he with a small group of reconnaissance units, destroyed 200,000 gallons of gas in Killian under the cover of night.

Fourteen miles from their objectives, the men hid their trucks, and hiked through the cold night to Killian and there captured and destroyed the fuel supply.

A radio unit broke through enemy lines and deep in their territory set up a radio station. From a point where they could observe the Blue forces, the men sent their information back to receiving stations.

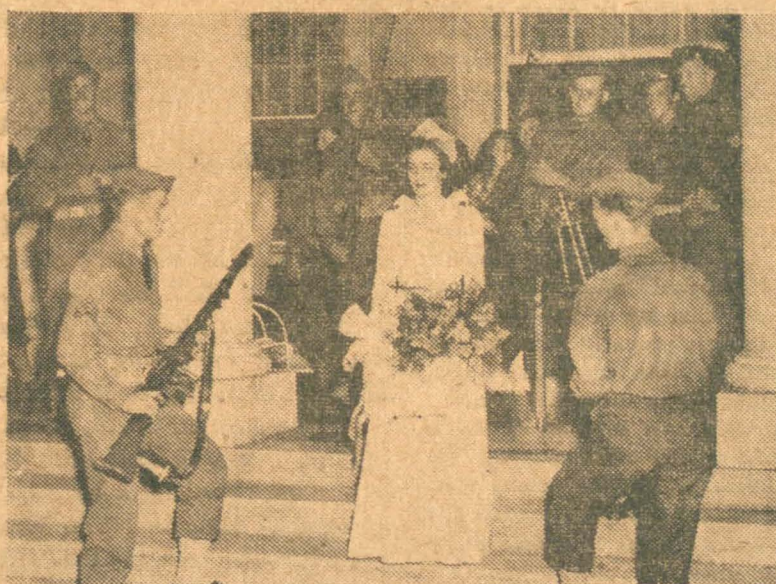
Col. Hooper Outruns Tank To Escape Capture

Demonstrating his ability as a sprinter, Lt. Col. Sidney B. Hooper, commanding officer, second battalion, 167th Inf., narrowly escaped capture by a tank last week when one of the armored vehicles crashed into his command post.

The colonel outdistanced the tank in a wild chase which saw the officer circle a farmer's house three times pursued by the tank. When the Alabama officer darted into the rear door of the house a stalemate developed. The soldiers in the armored vehicle and in a second tank couldn't capture the officer unless they climbed from the protection of their mobile fortress. When several did attempt to take the colonel on foot a squad of Col. Hooper's infantry battalion rushed to take the tank crew prisoners.

The Blue soldiers retreated into their tank and were afraid to venture out lest they become captured themselves. The order ending hostilities broke the stalemate.

DIXIE SOLDIERS CAPTURE LOVELY PRISONER OF WAR



Coincidence of the crowning of the Homecoming Queen of the University of South Carolina and the opening of the IV Army Corps-First Army War on the same day led the Dixie Division soldiers to take the lovely First Lady of Columbia into "protective custody" Saturday. Storming the University stronghold, with bayonets fixed, Infantrymen from Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida made Miss Mary King, the USC queen, a prisoner of war (upper left). Into a convoy of "jeeps" the brash soldiers loaded Miss King and feminine members of her court—and carried them off (upper right). At the Dixie Division command post, far into the stony reaches of the South Carolina hills, next day, Major General John C. Persons, pinned division insignia upon Miss King while her high princess, Miss Lil Boulware, the chief of staff, Colonel F. W. Manley, and aides, Captain C. W. Springer and 1st Lt. B. W. Wax, looked on (lower left). Made honorary general and colonel, respectively, Miss King, (left), and Miss Boulware took over anti-tank defenses of the division command post.

Photo by Corp. Neville Harrington

Miss. Anti-Tank Crew Praised For Its Work

The words of a Canadian army observer take this thing seriously, "You Mississippi boys take this thing seriously," was evidenced when the regimental umpire of the 155th Infantry commended highly three soldiers of the Anti-tank Company for "heroic action" in the last phase of the IV Corps maneuver when the Dixie Division's foot troops were pitted against the crack First Armored Corps.

Sergeant C. H. Skeahan, Corporal William F. Lunceford, Private Milton H. Davis, and Private F. A. Kilgo all of the Anti-tank Company, 155th Infantry of Clarksdale, Mississippi, broke the spearhead of an armored attack and put seven tanks out of the action. As the tanks charged the gun crew, the men kept their gun hot as round after round stopped and blasted seven light enemy tanks out of action.

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DOROTHY LAMOUR SENT HIM PHOTO

Sergeant Percy Miller, 155th Service Company, has been proudly showing his buddies a signed picture of Dorothy Lamour, Hollywood's sarong girl.

The non-commissioned officer requested a picture of the actress and a few days later received a photograph autographed "Best wishes, Dottie Lamour."

Nothing Simulated About Bridge Fire

Private R. L. Perkins, a member of the 106th Engineers, watched his company carry two large barrels of gasoline to the middle of the bridge and then explode two dynamite caps. The soldier sidled up to a nearby Major. Every man in the vicinity was suddenly warned away and back up, watching the structure expectantly. "What's the matter, sir?" The private asked the Major, "Is the bridge under artillery fire?" "Artillery fire hell," was the reply, "it's on fire."

114th F. A. Used Their 155 Howitzers To Halt Tank Advance To Chester

(Editor's note: Pvt. Jack White, 114th Regimental Reporter, gives an interesting account as to how the Mississippi Field Artillery stopped the 13th Armored Regiment's advance to Chester, in the second phase of the inter-corps problem last week. It is written from first-hand experience, much like a diary.)

Early morning of the first day of the second phase of the Intra-Corps Maneuvers found the 114th Field Artillery in defensive positions east and west of Mount Oliver Church, a short distance from Great Falls. The regiment supported the entire Division.

From these positions the 114th FA stopped a lightning thrust of the 13th Armored Regiment which had as its objective Chester.

Warning Received

Captain E. T. Neilson, 114th Intelligence officer, received word from scouts that an unknown number of medium and light tanks were speeding down an unmarked road in the vicinity of Flint Hill.

Colonel A. G. Paxton, regimental commander, went immediately to the threatened area occupied by the First Battalion, which lay in a direct line of the tank attack.

Guns Placed

Col. Paxton and Major Sam H. Long, First Battalion commanding officer, personally supervised the placing of guns which were echeloned in depth along the road for maximum effectiveness.

Coming of Tanks

No sooner had preparations for meeting the tank onslaught been completed when the tanks appeared.

Infantry Invades Stadium To Abduct S. C. Queen

First act of war of the Dixie Division as the big IV Army Corps vs. First Army battle began last weekend, was to take "into protective custody" the Homecoming Queen of the University of South Carolina, at Columbia.

A picked detail from the four Dixie Infantry regiments, armed with light machine guns and automatic rifles and mounted in five command cars, plunged into the U. S. C. stadium at Columbia Saturday afternoon and made Miss Mary King, the homecoming queen, a "prisoner of war," along with more than a dozen of her feminine attendants. The Dixie soldiers carried their scintillating prisoners out of the stadium, with 10,000 spectators watching, and sped away to an unrevealed destination.

Next day, Miss King and her

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Extra Blanket Is Issued

Within the past week every man in The Dixie Division was issued an extra wool blanket. Arrangements for the extra cover were made by Capt. Julian, Pfaff, division supply officer, who obtained them from IV Corps warehouse in Chester, S. C.

Blankets are to be returned at the end of the maneuver. According to word received from Camp Blanding, troops will be issued a comforter when they return to the home station.

FIVE NON-COM. WERE ORDERED TO "KEEP WARM"

When four sergeants and a corporal of company D, 124th Inf., were asked by a curious private why they were digging a garbage pit they answered: "We are just trying to keep warm." The truth soon came out that the five non-commissioned officers had returned late from an over-night pass and the first sergeant had put them to work with shovel and pick.

It was their first experience on kitchen excavation duty. They were well advised by the entire company which had gathered to witness the unusual sight.

Alabama Refused To Give Up On 'Textbook' Decision

The third battalion, 167th Infantry, would have been another lost battalion if it had been fighting a real war last week, according to acting battalion commander, Major Charlton Ragsdale who commented on the similarity of his troops' position to that of the courageous soldiers who refused to surrender when surrounded in 1918.

An umpire suggested to the major that he surrender and be declared out of action since his battalion was surrounded by an armored division.

"Why don't you come and get us," the commanding officer defiantly challenged. He explained that the position his troops held was a "text" book position and his soldiers could have held out there indefinitely.

THEIR COIN JUST AS GOOD AS A MAP

When Pts. Neal Webb and Adam Leger of 156th Inf. Reg., Med. Det. went to sleep, they were bedded down with fifty men. The next morning when they awakened, they found to their distress that the troops had moved off and left them.

After a long hike across country they came to a junction in a road. A coin decided which road to take. Luck was with them as the road led to the troops' bivouac area.

IV Corps Employs Blitz-War To Check Blue Advance

IV Corps Blitz Force Gives Reds Power

The Dixie Division, under the command of Maj. Gen. John C. Persons, is one of the crack fighting units in the United States Army, and is so considered an important cog in the IV Army Corps fighting machine's battle against the formidable First Army.

The IV Corps under the command of Maj. Gen. O. W. Griswold, is numerically smaller than the Blue enemy which is directed by the veteran militarist, Lt. Gen. Hugh A. Drum. What the Corps lacks in men, it has in the nation's best armored and motorized units.

Both General Griswold, and Lieut. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, chief of the First Army, are known as aggressive commanders.

The First Army, one of the four field armies of the United States, has been assembled from its camps in the east and along the Atlantic seaboard, and has been engaging in preliminary maneuvers in this section since early in October. Some 200,000 men are in this command.

The troops in the IV Army Corps, seasoned by two months of maneuvers in Louisiana during the late summer and fall, staged two corps-conducted problems in the

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124th Captives Of Blue Foe, Treated Well

Members of the 1st Battalion, 124th Inf. who were captured by the 69th Regiment of the First Armored Division, have nothing but praise for the treatment they received at the hands of their captors.

The infantrymen, who were captured early in the morning after marching through a bitter cold night, report fires were built for their comfort by the kindly enemy. Tank drivers, gunners, mechanics and officers climbed out of their armored monsters to give canned rations to the hungry men. Medical officers passed among the men checking for sickness and injury.

After the Florida soldiers had eaten they were advised to stay by the fires and rest until arrangements could be made for their removal.

"We sure would like for everyone to know how swell those mechanized soldiers are," said one private after he had returned to his outfit. "I certainly hope that we can capture them sometime," added another, "so that we can return the favor."

Meeting Of The Generals



—161st Signal Photo

Three generals chat following a conference at IV Army Corps headquarters. Left to right, they are Lieut. General Hugh S. Drum, commander of the First Army; Major General Oscar W. Griswold, commander of the IV Army Corps; and Major General John C. Persons, commander of the Dixie Division.

62nd Brigade Motorized And Attached To Second Armored To Give Greater Striking Power; Dixie Troops Assigned To Protect Columbia, S. C., Capitol Of The "Red States"

Must Protect Our Record Says Gen. Persons

"The Dixie Division has a record to protect, Major Gen. John C. Persons, 31st Division commanding officer, stated in the course of comments on the IV Corps and the First Army War.

Gen. Persons added "That record is based on our work in Louisiana. Because we were outstanding in that maneuver we have become known as one of the 'crack' divisions in the United States Army. We are meeting a formidable opponent. They are good. It will take the full cooperation of every man and the spirit of 'It shall Be Done' to preserve the record we work so hard to obtain."

Realism Aim Of Final GHQ Field Problem

The final 1941 Field Maneuver, between the IV Army Corps and First Army, is intended by GHQ officers to be as realistic as possible. The only thing simulated about the mighty conflict is that blanks and not live ammunition is to be used.

The IV Army Corps soldiers wear Red to designate the smaller force and the First Army the Blue to designate the larger force. During the 14 day "War" the battle area, approximately 10,000 square miles will be divided into the Red and Blue states.

The two states are theoretically at war. Communities in the small "countries" are under martial law. The civil affairs department will be responsible for law and order in the towns. Capt. John Mandeville is Civilian Affairs officer for the Dixie Division.

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1800 MEN BATHE IN GREAT FALLS OVER WEEKEND

The USO reported today that more than 1800 men used Great Falls bathing facilities over the weekend. It is estimated that approximately 5,000 men used the service centers.

The village of Great Falls has promoted one of the most active programs for soldiers of any town in this area.

The Dixie Division, fighting in a 10,000 square mile theatre of war vaguely known as the Carolinas, is learning the true meaning of Blitz-war methods.

The troops from Blanding, commanded by Maj. Gen. John C. Persons, are constantly on the move as the Red Army (IV Corps) carries the battle to the numerically larger First Army Blue forces.

In the early stage of what has been declared as the new Army's greatest peace-time War, both sides jockeyed for positions. In order to give the 2nd Armored Division from Ft. Benning added hitting power, the 62nd Brigade, commanded by Brig. Gen. Joseph Hutchinson, was completely motorized and assigned to the Blitz unit.

Every day finds the 31st Division stretched more thinly along an 85 mile battle front, as the various units are rushed from place to place advancing from Columbia, capital of the Red state.

The Red Army commanded by the aggressive militarist, Maj. Gen. O. W. Griswold, took an early advantage when its air force successfully held the Blues at the Pee Dee River.

The Red Army employed 350 fighting planes to halt Lt. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, at the Red state's boundary line. Bridges were blown though the Blue Engineers units were rushed to the damaged spans, the havoc was sufficient to temporarily check the march of 200,000 men toward Columbia, S. C. Deadly cargoes dropped from medium bombers slowed the engineer's progress.

A bridge head are near Cheraw was the object of the first and Second Armored Divisions. Maj. Gen. Charles L. Scott lead this attack.

Buddy's Quick Thinking Saved Him From Burning

Fast thinking and quick acting saved the life of Pvt. R. D. Owens of Co. B, 106th Engineers. While Pvt. Owens was unloading gasoline he spilled some on his clothes. When he walked near the fire the gas ignited and he became a burning torch.

Pvt. Joseph R. Castellanos and William L. Furlow quickly threw him to the ground and rolled out the fire. So quickly did they put out the fire that Pvt. Owens' clothes were not even damaged. Pvt. Owens refused to be lit up again for those in the company who had missed the sight.

Three 155th Men Join Great Falls Baptist Church

Three soldiers of the 155th Inf. Regiment, became members of the Great Falls First Baptist Church, in a recent Sunday evening service directed by Captain James L. Sandlin, chaplain of the regiment, and Rev. Wade Griffin, pastor of the church.

Chaplain Sandlin, a pastor of Clarksville, Miss., Christian Church officiated when Aubrey D. Craft and Lee Parker Cache, were baptized. Rev. Griffin administered to Albert B. Leggett.

The men will be members of the Great Falls Church, until such time as they wish to have their letters of membership sent to their home churches in Mississippi.

SHORT RUNNER

The smallest man in Co. D, 156th Inf., does the most walking. He is Pvt. Santo Palameola, the company runner. The little fellow is five feet tall and weighs 100 pounds.

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THE PRESSURE IS ON

Portrayed on this page, vividly and truly, is the situation during the next two weeks at it appears to the cartoonist. A lot could be said about the action ahead, told with long-winded, boring adjectives, but the matter can be summed up very simply: The pressure is on.

The motto of opponents will probably be: "Get the Dixie Division." We had well over our share of the newspaper spotlight, being heralded as the sensation of Louisiana maneuvers. Stop and think, wouldn't you be gunning for some other outfit if they had been the center of publicity?

The past two weeks were nice warm-ups, excluding the weather, but the real trouble lies ahead. We think we're good. We've certainly been told that. A lot of other people think the 31st has something on the ball. During the past two weeks, the Dixie Division has walked infantry regiments until they could hardly make the next stopover. The artillery has pitched in and done everything possible. There have been no complaints from our commanders.

It was distinctly an honor we had when the higher-ups chose the units to face the powerful blue army this past week. With the 43rd, another infantry division, and some cavalry units, the 31st was thrown in the path of two full armored divisions, the First and Second, supported by the mechanized power of the highly mobile "Rolling Fourth," the other unit of our own IV Army Corps.

It was a desperate struggle, and the boys who wore the blue brassards didn't find the going easy. They didn't have a chance to lose, but they had many a surprise. And the 31st was still in good order when the battle ended, ready to put up a fight and eager to keep going. With the battle fought by the artillery, another story might have been written had full air supremacy been on hand.

We again find ourselves with backs to the wall. The IV Army Corps must face the power of the complete First Army. We are given small chance to do much, aren't supposed to have a prayer. But strange things have happened before when the Dixie Division let those wild men loose in the woods. As the cartoon shows, there will be plenty of eyes on the work of the 31st. Might be a good idea, there's a chance they'll really see something.

SOLDIERS HEAR STORY OF SLAVE LIFE

Soldiers of the 155th and 156th Infantry Regiment, forgot how tired they were after a long march last week, while they listened to an interesting story of slave life told them by an 18-year old negro girl-school teacher.

The rest period had been called near a row of log cabins. The larger building was a one room school house where the Benedict College, Charlotte, graduate taught 15 youngsters.

The girl told the men that during slave days, darkies from all over this section, made a pilgrimage there each year to hold a Brush Arbor festival. The place was still the mecca for negroes from all over the world. Once a year the old ritual is carried out just as it was when the "colored folk were owned."

ONE STRIPE MAKES BUGLER FIRST CLASS

While seeking news in the area occupied by Company B, 167th Inf., a reporter asked Sgt. Owen Stewart:

"What's new?"

"Wa-a-a-ll," drawled the sergeant, "Pvt. Billy Grant is a first class bugler since last week." The reporter inquired as to what made the soldier "first class" in such a short time.

"Capt. Morrison did," was the answer. "He promoted Billy to first class private."

SHOE SHINE BOYS FED BY 156TH

Among the "extras" fed by Headquarters Company of the Division were five small shoe-shine boys, who had come out to the command post before noon to ply their trade.

... AND WE'D BETTER BE GOOD!



Bluff Failed To Impress Members Of Tank Crew

Pvt. John D. Burns, Btry. A, 114th Field Artillery, manning two machine rifles on a battery outpost while his buddy ate dinner, was startled upon looking up a wide and deep gulley to see a huge tank rumbling down upon him.

He fired both rifles until the magazines were empty but the tank kept coming. Finally it stopped within a few feet of him. Burns looked at the operator who was emerging through the turret, leveled one of his rifles and asked rather doubtfully, "You give up?"

"Nah!" said the tank driver crawling back down into the tank. "Do you?"

Pvt. Burns appraised the great mass of steel which could crush him like a cracker. "Yeah, he said, "I quit."

THEATRE MANAGER SHOWS FREE MOVIES

The Sunday Blue law in South Carolina prohibits the showing of picture shows on the Sabbath. More than 100 Dixie Division did not learn this until they had traveled to Great Falls.

The disappointed men were gathered around the door of the theater. Finally a youngster suggested that they call the manager and ask him to open the place. The manager said he would be glad to do it, but could charge no admission. The men saw three pictures free.

Stocking Cap Fad Spreads To Engineers

Several 106th Engineers bandmen are sporting bright colored stocking caps these cool days. Musicians who are following the fad are: Pvt. Icl. Clarence Conner, Pvt. Icl. Jack O'Leary Crawford, and Pvt. Icl. Archie Raggins.

Classified Ads

LOST—One G. I. jacket in vicinity of MP wreck near Great Falls, S. C. Px Jacket, marked "Orion R." believed used to wrap around one of injured. Reward if returned to Pvt. Icl. Wilmer Robicheaux, Co. B, 156th Inf.

LOST—Bill fold with Miss. Drivers License and N. G. identification card in Bivouac Area in Swainsboro, Ga. Corp. John E. Reed Co. C 106th Engineers.

LOST on last maneuvers: Officers musette bag with toilet articles—1 new reflex camera, 2 Engineer reference books. Capt. C. M. Broad Co. A 106th Engineers.

WAR ASIDES GIVE COLOR TO BATTLE OF THE CORPS

Wandering about the battlefield this week, Dixie Reporters witnessed many incidents which accompany a maneuver. A few observations are listed:

1—Pleased infantrymen allowing even more delighted still boys to carry their rifles during marches through towns.

2—A member of the Military Police stopping traffic for a convey: a Carolina farmer and his wife pulling slowly across an intersection in their wagon, followed by a line of hounds, each dog keeping his proper distance in the caravan.

3—A 31st division soldier stopping his train of captives to argue that his division commander, Major General John C. Persons, was one of the best strategists in the army.

4—Two men taking turns carrying a box of goodies, newly arrived in the mail, into battle with them.

5—Two doughboys lying in a foxhole discussing the merits of the various planes roaring overhead in technical terms too deep for the reporter to follow.

6—A soldier, explaining to friends why he never seemed to carry extra clothing into battle, pulling up a trouser leg to reveal that he was wearing almost everything issued.

7—Enemy "blue" soldiers wandering about behind the lines, trying to learn the location of their own units from "Reds" who were too busy to stop and capture them. The lost men were usually prisoners, released to return to their own lines.

8—A group of tanks, stopped for a moment's rest during an attack on Great Falls, S. C., the center of attention. The crew explaining the workings of the iron monsters to a fascinated crowd of small boys.

Sergeant Sends And Receives Letter Three Times

Much traveled was the letter addressed to Pvt. Sidney Kuhn of Co. D, 156th Inf., who remained at Camp Blanding as a member of the Provisional guard.

First Sgt. James L. Mahaffey of Co. D first received the letter, which was addressed to Kuhn at Camp Blanding, at the company's bivouac area near Great Falls. He immediately marked the proper address and returned it to Florida. A few days later the letter was back in Mahaffey's hands. He again marked the proper address on the letter, underlined it, and sent it back to the Army post.

When the letter turned up a third time, it was too much for the first sergeant. Racking his brain, he put the letter in another envelope, addressed it to Pvt. Kuhn at the camp's Provisional Guard and put it in the mail along with a letter of his own explaining the delay.

Kuhn's thanks came through the mails promptly a couple of days later.

Must Grow Moustache In La. Staff Section

You really have to be a man to work around regimental headquarters of the 156th Infantry regiment.

By regimental custom, all staff officers and staff car drivers of the unit are required to grow moustaches. Drastic action is threatened against anyone who refuses or is unable to "raise" one.



A discarded oil drum serves as a heater for the Second Battalion personnel section of the 116th F. A. Draft vents were cut in the barrel and an opening was made at the bottom and another half way for a door to stoke the "furnace."

Stove pipe was purchased and attached to a hole cut in the top for the chimney pipe which extends out of the top of the tent.

Two shelter halves are buttoned together and opened to lay flat on the ground. On one half lay six blankets, then fold the other half over. The bunk is then pegged down all around.

By this method, soldiers can sleep together comfortably without having the covers pull off every time one turns over.

DAWN'S CHILL

A strange sense of what's funny has Mess Sgt. A. H. Chellette, of Headquarters Company, 156th Inf., say men of the unit. Recently on a cold morning ice cream was served for breakfast.

Armistice Day Was Observed In The Field

Officers and men who were not actively engaged in the Corps War, at 11 A. M., Nov. 11, observed five minutes of silence to pay respect to the soldiers who had died in the nation's wars.

Because the troops were spread over a wide area, many units did not receive the following IV Corps order:

From 11:00 to 11:05 A. M., November 11, 1941, all activities will cease and all individuals will observe five (5) minutes of silence, in all elements of the IV Army Corps, including attached Units, wherever and in whatever engaged.

On this day set aside to honor the memory of the dead of the last world conflict, it is most fitting that we of the IV Army Corps are preparing ourselves to take over the unfinished duties left to us. In these few minutes of silence let each of us rededicate himself to those principles of freedom and democracy upon which our nation was founded and for which it stands today and always.

By command of Maj. Gen. Griswold.



Promoted to Master Sgt.
156th Inf.: First Sgt. Houston W. Cassidy, Hq. Co., and Staff Sgt. Robert O. Campbell, Service Co.

Promoted to First Sgt.
156th Inf.: Staff Sgt. Henry O. Griggs, Hq. Co.

Promoted to Technical Sgt.
116th F. A.: Staff Sgt. Robert G. Knowles, Hq. Btry. 2nd Bn.

Promoted to Staff Sgt.
156th Inf.: Lloyd Gideons, K Co.; Sgt. Richard M. Baker, Service Company.

116th F. A.: Mess Sgt. Frank Mason, S. and A., 1st Bn.
114th F. A.: Pvt. Icl. John D. Kelly, Hq. Btry.

106th Eng.: Sgt. William G. Durrett and Sgt. Graham W. Hamlin, C Company.

Promoted to Sgt.
156th Inf.: Pvt. Icl. Harry E. Torbett and Pvt. Preston E. Thompson, Service Company; Corp. Donald Martin, E Company.

116th F. A.: Corp. Charles B. Haynes, S. and A., 1st Bn.
114th F. A.: William R. Ryland and Corp. John Hathcock, Hq. Btry.

106th Eng.: Corp. Vernie N. Green, A Company; Corp. Jessie F. Sanders, C Company; Corp. Leonard B. Jones, F Company; Corp. Willis A. Pike, F Company, and Corp. Donald E. Spencer, A Company.

Promoted to Corp.
156th Inf.: Pvt. William Royer, K Company.
114th F. A.: Pvs. Douglas I. Smith, Ashby McGehee, Pvt. Icl. Alvin Thompson, Pvt. W. Robertson, Hq. Btry.

156th Inf.: Pvt. Icl. Eugene Baudry, E Company; Pvt. Icl. J. C. Ellis, Pvt. Homer Gereau, A Co.
106th Eng.: Pvt. Myles Harmon, D Company; Pvt. Frank M. Holbrook, D Company; Pvt. Joseph C. Reaves, Company F; Pvt. Icl. Tom F. Cato and Harley Roberts, E Co.

HAVE NOVEL WAY TO CARRY WATER

It usually takes two husky soldiers to carry a ten gallon can full of water. But men of Service company, 156th Inf., this week evolved a method of doing the job with a minimum of labor and time.

They form a human "can chain" with one man grasping the handle of two cans. By this method eleven can carry ten cans, or ten men nine cans.

REPUBLIC THEATRE Great Falls, S. C.

NOV. 17, 18—"Life Begins For Andy Hardy," with Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland. Admission 11c and 22c.

NOV. 19—"Tillie the Toiler," with William Tracy and Kay Harris. Admission 11c.

NOV. 20, 21—"Dive Bomber," with Errol Flynn and Fred MacMurray. Admission 11c and 22c.

NOV. 22—"Nevada City," with Roy Rogers and Sally Payne, also, "Two In A Taxi," with Anita Louise, Russell Hayden. Admission: Matinee 11c and 22c; Evening 22c.



Private Edmund J. Land, famous for his Louisiana Legends, is supposed to report funny happenings among the boys in the 156th Infantry. But the tables are turned. Several members of his regiment, dropping in for a chat with some of the boys in the Press Section, began telling tales out of school.

They glossed over the one about him eating with every company in the regiment—they thought nothing of his hailing a taxi in Lancaster, riding back to Great Falls in it and then saying, "Thanks for the lift, buddy." But what they thought was pretty bad was the bathing suit found in his barracks bag when the unit arrived in South Carolina.

That was good ice cream served at Breakfast the other morning.

Ran into an old prep school chum the other night, one I hadn't seen since he was a senior beating heck out of me with a garrison belt. Not content with having made me black and blue when a lowly slime, the guy pitches into me when he sees me for the first time in over seven years.

Wade Newell, Co. B, 155th Infantry, is so glad to see me that he wants to beat heck out of me because the regiment hasn't been getting a better share of publicity. That will be remedied. But, as I told Wade, as long as they hate to be left out we're happy—it's when they don't give a darn that the thing hurts.

Also ran into our number one boxer, Tommy Gomez. He allows that his next fight should clear up all back records. His opponent will be the very man who has beaten Buddy Scott twice since that eighth round in Tampa which saw Gomez, covered with bloody fragments of championship dreams, crumpled on ring canvas.

According to Tommy, he lost that fight on poor conditioning. It wasn't the punch that beat him, it was the lack of power in the legs at the critical time. Professional boxing isn't the game we see under the lights at Blanding. A man must be able to take terrific punishment, keep going at top speed, and have enough left for a finish stout enough to carry the decision if the fight goes the route.

Tommy didn't have it that night. He admits that he was out of condition, the best sign possible. Knowing his fault, realizing what must be done to win against fast competition, the loss may prove more valuable than anything else. A champion learns the hard way—through experience. Had Gomez continued bowling them over, he would probably have gone just so far, then pulled his boner at a much more serious stage of the game than the present early part of his climb.

We still believe Gomez has what it takes. Anyone who had seen the boy punch, watched him wait for an opening and paralyze his man with one terrific belt, can hardly deny that the young Tampa, Fla., slugger has the power, youth and class required of championship timber. Those who saw him fight in Jacksonville will probably recall the right uppercut lifting an opponent clear of the floor.

There has never been a champion who didn't take lickings. Not a man has ever climbed the resin-dusted ladder to the top of the boxing scramble without a severe beating. Tommy hasn't lost all the fights he is scheduled to drop, figuring from the old law of averages. He'll have to learn from the agony coated fists of opponents, the dreary sound of boos and the whiplash of a referee counting "ten."

But Gomez has the natural ability. He can take punishment. He is still growing. His punch is a bolt of lightning treated with chloroform. He can dish out sleeping tablets from either starboard or port. He has one big scrap ahead that will decide whether he is just a ham-and-egger or a great battler. Every man likes to play. Tommy is a natural boy. If he can keep his eyes on the top, keep the fun out of the moment from seeming more important than the future, then he is slated for a place near the top. When he wins that big go, then the rest of the card should be pretty smooth sailing.

SOLDIER KNEW THE ANSWER

"Exactly how much does your rifle weigh?" asked First Sgt. Alvin Hall, Hq. Det., 3rd Bn, 167th Inf., of Pvt. James Gunn.

"What difference does it make they make me carry it anyway," Private Gunn rejoined.

JUST THE DAY OFF

There was no specific observance of Armistice Day at Camp Blanding except as a general holiday. All personnel of the camp, with the exception of guards, were given the day off.

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Florida Infantry Used School Grounds For Bivouac Area

The teachers and pupils of Well-bridge school will long remember two exciting days last week when the Second Battalion, 124th Regiment made their headquarters in the school yard.

Teachers and trustees of the little brick school between Chester and Great Falls, generously offered field office space in the school and after school hours the entire building was turned over to the soldiers for sleeping quarters. Lights and heat were furnished for their comfort.

The Florida soldiers, who had slept in the open for three cold nights, were grateful for the warm place to spend the night and they showed their appreciation in many ways.

One day, pupils were guests at lunch. Like the soldiers they entered the chow line, were shown the proper method of manipulating mess kits, and tactful ways of securing heavy portions of dessert.

Soldiers who should have been tired and weary after three days and nights of hard work in the field, spent their leisure time playing games with the tots. Many hiked to a distant store to buy them candy. Like most children, these wanted to wear the soldiers' helmets and mimic their heroes in war games.

Their playful efforts were diverted to football. When it was learned that a football was not available, officers of the battalion dug into their pockets for funds to buy one. A spirited game followed with two companies of soldiers cheering for one side and the remaining two for the opposing team. Soldiers who not so long ago had been playing high school and college football acted as coaches for the youngsters.

During the evening the battalion gave a performance in the auditorium. High lights of the entertainment included comedy skits by Pvt. Jack Manhoff and Don Harrin of Company E, Italian songs by Pvt. Rocco Costa of F company, singing by the Company F quartet, and poems by Pvt. Bailey of G Company.

Col. Fred A. Safay and the school principal and his family were guests of honor. Civilian spectators remarked at the high spirits of the hardy Fla. soldiers who have been working and living in open during freezing temperature.

Helmet Used To Cook Meals

The 155th Infantry canteen crew found a new use for the steel helmet when their kitchen forgot them during the corps problem. The iron hat served as a kettle, toaster, and boiler. Eggs were either boiled or fried in the helmet, potatoes were fried, and bread was toasted.

The canteen group was made up of the following Mississippi soldiers: Corporal Morris Hineman, Privates Homer Wallace, Arthur Fokakis, Hubert L. Cones, Charles Harris, Emmet Steed, Charles Touchstone, and Bennett Denton.

ENGINEERS TERMED 'FIGHTIN'EST' BUNCH

Co. A, 106th Engineers, proved the Combat part of their names in the war when they captured two companies of Blues.

One company of the enemy was a machine gun unit and the other a mortar company.

Company A completely outfought the enemy. Three times in three hours they flanked the Blues. One of the captured men was heard to say about A company "that's the fightingest bunch of fellows I've seen yet!"

WIRE CREWS SHARE ABLE — THE PUP

The telephone detail of Hq. Btry, 114th Field Artillery now has a dog. Purchased by Pvt. Curtis Williams, lineman, in Charlotte, the dog was brought back to the bivouac area and adopted by the wire crew as detail mascot. Although not a wire hair, but a bull terrier, the canine has been named "Able Wire One and Two" (called Able for short) for the detail's two wire laying trucks.

FROM SERGEANT TO LIASON OFFICER

Second Lt. Charles J. Hebert, Jr., a first sergeant upon induction in Co. E, 156th Infantry, has been appointed liason officer of the 61st Infantry Brigade for the duration of the Carolina maneuvers.

155th Inflicted Heavy Losses On Armored Units

By Pvt. Tommy C. Ishee

Overwhelming odds failed to faze the 155th infantry regiment early last week when it made a strong stand against armored divisions and at the end of the two-day battle were fighting deep in the enemy territory.

The Third Battalion, 155th Infantry, under the command of Lt. Colonel Fred E. Nicholson, was designated as a task force for the division. It threw itself against three entire armored regiments, capturing 25 armored vehicles, 15 motorcycles, and 35 prisoners and lost 13 percent of its force in casualties. The Battalion was aided by an Anti-tank platoon, a platoon of the 106th Engineers, and one battery of the 116th Field Artillery.

The Force pulled out at 5:15 A. M. and with Company I of Laurel and the first Platoon of Company M, as an advance guard they pushed 35 miles into the enemy lines.

Suddenly and with little warning the advance guard hit the main body of the Sixth Armored Regiment. In the conflict that followed, though they were outnumbered more than four to one, the one Mississippi battalion fought brilliantly and inflicted heavy casualties on the two armored regiments.

After a fierce battle, the armored forces broke through the smaller infantry line. The foot troops hid by the roadside and let them pass. When night came they emerged from the woods and put up road blocks in all directions.

Though surrounded, at all times during the fight the battalion intelligence section kept in contact with Division Headquarters by radio and relayed them valuable information concerning the numbers and direction of troops. White panels were also placed on the ground to give intelligence.

When morning came the task force was ordered by Division to record to its starting point. By this time the enemy was disposed in every direction in greatly superior numbers, especially between them and the remainder of their division.

The advance guard, with Lieutenant Clarence E. Stevens in charge, had returned 15 miles when they encountered the First Armored Division. In the sharp encounter that followed, the smaller unit of the 155th inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, and when the war ended they had assumed a defensive position with advantageous terrain to aid them in carrying on the fight.

BATTLE HALTS WHILE MEN GET COATS

One phase of the Battle of the Corps had to be halted momentarily because of the cold weather.

Members of the 124th Reconnaissance unit were captured by Blues during a scouting patrol. The men from the Sunshine State asked their captors to wait a few minutes while they got their wool overcoats. The enemy complied with their request.

SERVED AS NURSE MAID TO GET A CHICKEN DINNER

It was a cold Carolina morning and Pvt. Thariot of Co. H, 156th Inf., had been sent to a neighboring farmhouse to buy some coffee. Officers began to get worried when Thariot did not return after a reasonable length of time had passed. They feared the Blues had captured him. They decided to investigate.

When they walked into the farmhouse living room, there was Thariot, sitting in the biggest easy chair in the house, gazing fondly at a child sitting on his knee. His greeting remark was: "Hello, sir. We're having chicken for dinner."

HE HAD HIS JOB TO DO AND DID IT.

A 56th FA Brigade wire crew member hauled wire up to the 114th Field Artillery switchboard and dropped it. He took a handkerchief out of his pocket and mopped his face. "Gosh," he said, "it's a long way up here. The other end of that wire is twenty miles down the road."

Pvt. Bob Sabin, 114th FA switch board operator, looked pityingly at the exhausted Brigade lineman. "Too bad you had to work so hard," he said. "The war was over ten minutes ago."

DIXIE "FOOT CAVALRY" ON THE MARCH



Infantrymen of the 62nd Brigade are shown as they swung into marching column leaving their base camp near Great Falls, S. C., headed for an unknown destination. The long, swinging strides of the soldiers which have carried the "foot cavalry" fast and far are evident in the picture. Above: The left column is the second battalion of the 167th (Ala.) Infantry led by Company E. The company commander, 1st Lt. Hardin Starnes, can be seen leading his troops. The right column is the Third Battalion of the Alabama regiment with soldiers of Company K shown in the background. Below: Two columns of 124th Infantry (Fla.) troops with the 3rd battalion headquarters detachment leading the left column. Capt. Julius C. Newton leads the right column.

Engineers Slowed Tanks Advance

Great Falls, S. C., Nov. — Maybe we didn't stop those tanks in the last maneuver but the Engineers certainly slowed them down a bit. That is the opinion of The Dixie Division "jacks of all trades."

The Engineers were never very far in front of the tanks, in the course of their duties of building and blowing bridges, constructing road blocks. As 2nd Division Major said, "That is certainly a hard bunch to catch."

TOOK CAR APART TO GET THROUGH A NARROW SPACE

Soldiers of the third battalion, 167th Infantry are still "kidding" Pvt. Brady Champion for having to take apart the command car he was driving before he could get it out of the tight place he got himself into in the woods.

"Humph," Pvt. Champion replied when questioned whether the story was true, "I only had to take the rear-view mirror off the side."

DIXIE PRISON CAMP WAS KEPT BUSY DURING PROBLEM

During a three-day period last week the Dixie Division M. P. prison enclosure received approximately 1500 captives.

Capt. Ervin, of the Military Police company, is charged with responsibility of feeding, caring for casualties, while the prisoners are held during the war games.

114th Band Plays Concert In Great Falls

The 114th Field Artillery band played a concert at Great Falls High School auditorium recently. It was well attended and enthusiastically received by citizens of the town, soldiers, and guests from nearby cities.

The program consisted of march, concert, and swing music. The Washington and Lee Swing was played and dedicated by Colonel Paxton, 114th FA Commanding officer, to Mr. George Wright and sons, George, Jr., Tom, and Joe Wright, citizens of Great Falls and alumni of Washington and Lee University.

Pvt. Wilkinson Star Of 156th Grid Game

In an intra-regimental touchball team from Headquarters Detachment, Second Battalion, 156th Infantry, defeated an eleven from Company I, 24-8 in the regimental bivouac area near Great Falls. Star of the game was Pvt. Orry Wilkinson, who made two touch-downs for the Detachment team.

"Night Owls" Of 167th Regiment See That Food Gets To Troops

By Pvt. G. W. Hinkle

CASKET SERVED AS THEIR BED

Corporals W. H. Talbot and Bob Sally of M Company, 155th Inf. had looked all over the city of Charlotte for a place to sleep. Finally in desperation they inquired at the Soldier's Lounge in the Methodist Church.

The hostess could offer no other suggestion than an undertaker's establishment near the church. The weary men accepted the invitation, and a short time later were curled up in a casket.

Commended By Major Nathan For Recon. Work

Second Lt. Sully J. Williams, Corp. Carrol C. Colley, of Lake Charles, and 11 other men of Co. K, 156th Inf., were commended by Major Harold P. Nathan, Division Intelligence chief, for "splendid reconnaissance work" during the past phase of the Carolina maneuvers.

The group, with Lt. Williams as leader and Corp. Colley as non-commissioned assistant, were responsible, according to Major Nathan, for locating large "enemy" forces, making it possible for the Division to contact the Blue army.

The Story Is Ended But The Odor Lingers On

Not having his gas mask along on this maneuver Corporal C. W. Harvey of company D 124th Inf. is not likely to repeat the mistake he made in Louisiana.

When his regiment moved from Breezy Hill to Pineville, La., the men were given sandwiches and a hard boiled egg for lunch.

The Corp. slipped the egg in his gas mask case and put the sandwiches in his mess kit, the sandwiches were later eaten but the egg was forgotten. Arriving at the new bivouac area he put the gas mask in his barracks bag.

A few days later, after untold suffering from the foul odor which permeated the air in the supply tent, Corporal Harvey remembered the egg. Escorted, at a distance by the supply sergeant and fellow sufferers, he was forced to carry the mashed egg several hundred yards and bury it.

Lands His Plane Near 155th Buddies

Soldiers of the 155th Inf. regiment were surprised during the corps problem last week when one of their former buddies landed his plane in a cotton field near their bivouac area.

He was Lt. Everett Mullen, a former member of their band, who brought special orders for the Dixie Division. Lt. Mullen, transferred from the band to the air corps while a Sergeant in the Mississippi band.

OFFICERS BROKE UP HIS CONCERT

Private Watts Maddux of Company H, 155th Infantry, recently entertained the school teachers of Great Falls who live at Dearborn Inn.

Everything was going swell until three majors and two captains showed up for their dates and took all the "audience" away. Perfect harmony turned into discords for Private Maddux, and he began to wish he hadn't come at all.

Cook Likes Carolina—And Its Girls

Pvt. J. B. Bentley, cook for the personnel section of 117th Field Artillery regiment, now at the rear echelon, says he likes Carolina. He is a member of Battery A, 117th. Carolina girls, he says, are both beautiful and very friendly. Which makes up in his opinion, the difference in the weather of Camp Blanding as compared with the Carolinas. Really, he says, he likes the place here.

SONG SESSIONS

Chaplain Ben L. Rose, Special Troops, makes it a practice several times a week to conduct song sessions around camp fires.

I spent last night with the "night owls" of the 167th Infantry. The "night owls" are the soldiers of the Service Company—the men who work all night in order that the fighting men in the front lines might have food to eat regularly.

I climbed from a truck in the Service Co. area just behind the front lines before dark to be greeted by 1st Lt. Walter Elam, company commander.

"Come on over to the hotel and make yourself comfortable," he invited. That mention of a hotel was a cheering sound in the middle of the woods and cold weather but it left me somewhat perplexed. The hotel to which he was referring was a pyramidal tent, tightly laced with an oil stove in the center. Lined around the canvass walls were some fifteen men all sound asleep.

"Hmmm," I mused to myself, "No wonder they call these guys gold-bricks. Here they are all asleep in the daytime. Therein I reasoned wrong, however, as I soon found out. After talking a while, I accepted First Sgt. Ernest Morgan's invitation to sleep in the hotel with him. It was the first time I had been warm since arriving from Camp Blanding.

Short Sleep
The peaceful sleep was of short duration for at the stroke of midnight Lt. Elam stuck his head in the hotel and blew his whistle.

"Come on, fellows, we're moving out," was the ill-received news. He informed the sleepy-eyed men that the regiment was surrounded by an armored division and Lt. Col. James A. Webb, commanding the regiment, had ordered the regimental vehicles employed to withdraw the troops from their precarious position. First Lt. Joseph Decker, acting transportation officer with Lt. Elam's assistance, performed another "Dunkirk" as the Alabama troops withdrew under cover of darkness to new prepared positions.

After the regiment's food supply had been unloaded from the several trucks and the trucks themselves dispatched to transport the beleaguered troops, the supply section went into action again.

Figure Furiously
Master Sgt. Dayton Estes grabbed an adding machine and a clip board and began to figure furiously as did Corp. Sidney J. Cooley. He began to call out a series of numbers, all of which meant nothing to me. Peering over Cooley's shoulder I perceived what he was doing. He was preparing breakdown lists.

The two non-commissioned officers explained that rations are drawn on allowances per 100 men. The strengths of the individual companies as taken from the consolidated morning reports. Food supplies then are apportioned according to number of men in the individual units.

Matter of Math.

When the proportional food lists were completed they were turned over to Staff Sgt. Frank Ford who supervised the physical breakdown of the supplies into companies. Once the break down was complete the work was turned over to the three staff sergeants representing the three battalions of the regiment who serve as assistant supply officers for the battalions, Staff Sgts. Joe Esslinger, Wallace Allison and Fred A. Gross took charge of loading the food for each of their battalions. By this time the trucks which had been carrying troops began to return. Sgt. Morgan gave the order to strike camp and the Service Company train moved out in the cold gray light of dawn just 30 minutes before the enemy armored division struck into the area from which they had just left.

ENGINEER COMPANY CAPTURES CARS

Company D, 106th Engineers, accounted for three armored cars and one 'Jeep' during last week's corps problem. The capture of a motor cycle was listed as doubtful.

While enroute to build a bridge over a deep creek, the first Platoon heard a motor cycle roaring down the road. The driver wore a blue arm band and was captured by First Sgt. Fred Vickers just as the machine ran out of gas. Sgt. Vickers was disappointed when the Blue pulled out a note stating that "he had been captured and was now released to return to his own company." The note was signed by an officer in the 114th F. A. A brief argument followed and ended with the Blue being released with enough gasoline to get home.

Officers and Men Spend Spare Time Carving Walking Sticks

New "fad" in Louisiana's 156th Infantry regiment is whittling of walking sticks out of dead-wood in spare time. Among "stage-sticks" seen around the regi-ment are the following:

Major R. D. Ray, new regimental surgeon, has a heavy hickory stick capped on the base end with a 50-calibre machine-gun bullet.

Tech. Sgt. E. E. Lansing, non-commissioned head of Medical De-tachment, a light stick made of Carolina cedar cut down with a knife and smoothed off with sand-paper.

First Lt. James Brown, transpor-tation officer, 3rd Battalion, carries a stick of a hickory root. A smaller, out-jutting root forms a natural handle.

Master Sgt. Raymond H. Petrie, non-com in charge of transporta-tion for the regiment, a pine stick with a knot at the top forming a round grip.

First Lt. Roy J. Walker, second battalion transportation officer, has a white hickory stick rubbed down with glass and sand-paper. It is bent double at the top in true cane fashion.

Darky's Best Is Fried Chicken

"Boys, it ain't much, but you is welcome to what we have," said the old negro, as he piled the plates of the 155th Infantry Reconnaissance unit with more fried chicken, and the men helped themselves to fresh roasted peanuts.

The patrol, made up for the most part of Company C and D soldiers, who inquired of the Negro if he had seen any blues near his home. After he had given them as much information as he knew, the darky invited them to use his yard to pitch their tents. He added, "maybe my wife can stir up a little food." A short time later one of the man's sons carried steaming plates of fried chicken to the weary Mississippians.

116th Privates Sent To Officers' School

Pvt. 1st Cl. Clarence S. Hinton, 116th Field Artillery, Battery F, who was inducted March 6, is attending officers' school at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Hinton was notified while participating in the South Carolina maneuvers. He was routed to the artillery school by way of Camp Blanding where he picked up his equipment.

Private Albert E. Hand, Battery C, 116th F. A., recently left for the officers training school at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Pvt. Hand is one of three brothers in the Tampa, Fla. National Guard unit who were inducted into Federal Service November 25.

Realism Aim

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Shortly before the war started Sunday, Blues in the Red territory were ordered to "get out." This was followed by "a presidential proclamation, published for the information and guidance of all concerned."

A portion of it follows:

a. Diplomatic relations between the Red and Blue Republics are severed.

b. Incidental to the severance of diplomatic relations, it is provided that all trade, commerce and intercourse between the two nations shall cease forth (except such as may be necessary for the evacuation of Red nationals in Blue territory, and vice versa.)

c. The President has accepted the tender of good offices of the International Red Cross Society in the matter of transporting Red nationals in Blue territory to such border points of entry as may be designated by the President.

d. The President has designated CHERAW and PEE DEE as points of entry for Red nationals returning from Blue territory.

e. The President has urged all Red nationals now in Blue territory to return home at once.

f. The President has warned all Blue nationals in Red territory that, in the event of war, they will be subject to internment, and has offered them free passage to the border.

g. The President has directed the Red Army to assist the civil authorities and private agencies in the matter of receiving our own nationals from abroad and in the matter of evacuating Blue nationals from this country.

Colonel Felt Very Foolish

Corp. Fred Searcy, of 155th Inf. Staff Section, watched the three Blue enemy tanks speed through Great Falls' business section. One stopped suddenly in front of him.

A Lt. Colonel hailed him. "Say, Corporal, can you tell me where the 31st Div. C. P. is located?" "Sure," he said, and with his hand described a wide indefinite arc in the air which covered the four points of the compass. "It's that way."

The Colonel smiled sheepishly. "I should have known better than to ask a Dixie Division man," he said as he slipped down the turret of the tank.

CHANGES IN 155th STAFF SECTION

Several changes were made recently in the 155th Personnel Section. Captain John G. Berry is Plans and Training officer; Lt. Robert L. Weiland, Intelligence officer; Lt. Frank L. Barnett, Adjutant; and Lt. James Torrey, Personnel Adjutant.

Rabbit Gumbo Prepared After Much Trouble

Officers of Company F, 156th Inf., enjoyed a dish of Louisiana Gumbo recently because mess sergeant Henry Cantillo searched the Dixie Division concentration area for one important ingredient commonly designated "file."

Sgt. Cantillo purchased a rabbit from a hunter who passed by the troops' encampment. "The rabbit is to be made into gumbo," Cantillo told his cooks. Only one thing was lacking—file.

The mess sergeant tried to buy it in Great Falls. Merchants had never heard of the stuff. The same was true in Lancaster. Cantillo was about to give up in despair, when a cook from a neighboring company, asked Cantillo if he would please "take the 'file' off his hands" as he had more than he could use.

CLAIM RECORD FOR MARRIAGES

Company A, 156th Inf., believes it holds the record for the largest number of marriages since the unit was inducted a year ago. Twenty-three soldiers have taken the vows.

First Sergeant William C. Termini and Pvt. 1cl. C. B. Babin recently announced they married Baton Rouge girls while on furlough last month.

Heavy Fine Helps Keep Grounds Clean

A heavy fine has been imposed by Capt. Roland E. De Sommers, commanding officer of Company E, 156th Inf., for those caught throwing papers or matches on the ground. The penalty for dropping a match on the grounds is to dig a hole four feet square and four feet deep and bury the match.

Miss. Anti-Tank

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The Regimental Umpire, Captain Harrel E. Hunsaker, commended the crew for its choice of position, which enabled them to fire on the tanks and break the attack.

The commendation as presented to the Commander of the 155th Infantry, Colonel T. B. Birdsong, follows: "To the Commanding Officer, 155th Infantry: Sergeant C. H. Skeahan and Acting Corporal Lunceford, Privates Davis, Kilgo, are hereby commended for the choice of position and heroic action in face of attack by armored forces during the last phase of the South Carolina IV Army Corps Maneuvers, which action accounted for seven tanks, breaking the spearhead of the attack."

WANTED

Sgt. R. J. Prophet of Hq. Battery, 114th F.A. asked The Dixie to insert the following classified advertisement:

WANTED—complete machine gun detail. He lost his entire squad when members were released on the 28 year-old priority.

Service Company Fought To Feed Men In Battle

Soldiers of 156th Infantry regiment ate their meals as usual on the last day of the second phase of the Carolina maneuvers because the Service Company fought for their dinner.

Men of the company, whose duties usually consist of driving trucks and hauling supplies, seized rifles and defended "with their lives" a convoy of kitchen trucks carrying food to the men when a Blue "enemy" force struck a vital supply line during the night.

HIS SLING SHOT GOT THEIR DINNER

When the kitchen failed to arrive at the appointed time last week during maneuvers, Pvt. 1cl. James Carpenter of Company A, 156th Inf. Reg., staved off his buddy's pangs of hunger with squirrel bagged in the Biblical David fashion.

Carpenter obtained a piece of rubber from an inner tube, cut a forked stick, which he made into a sling shot and then knocked eight squirrels out of the trees.

BARN SERVES AS QUARTERS FOR CO.

Co. B, 106th Engineers, slept in a barn while engaged in the problem last week. No one slept cold as the place was small and half filled with hay.

The 30 men were envied by all the soldiers as it was raining steadily and was very cold.

ENGINEERS KEEP THEM ROLLING

Company D, 106th Engineers, showed what they could do in the maneuver when a concrete bridge was blown up by the enemy.

Although the terrain was very bad they built and maintained a bypass around the span. The pass had to be fixed constantly. One platoon of D company kept the pass open by laying down a corduroy road.

114th F. A. Used

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completed than the first of the heavily armored weapons appeared over the crest of the hill, bearing rapidly down upon their concealed enemy.

Complete Surprise

Completely surprised, the first of the tanks were "demolished" by the "heavy blasts" of 155mm howitzer fire thrown at them by batteries A and C which lay directly in their path.

More Tanks

But more tanks were closing in from four directions. All the battalion guns opened a "blasting" point blank fire through which not even tanks could hope to penetrate.

Coordinates Rushed

Coordinates of the position of the attacking force of tanks was rushed by messenger to Lieutenant Colonel H. N. Eason, commanding officer of the 2nd bn, in position a short distance from the main attack. The Second Battalion at once began a long distance shelling of the road and the tanks.

Battle Won

When darkness came and the fight ended for the day the 114th Field Artillery had been given credit by the umpires for stopping the tank attack and destroying twelve tanks with the loss of only four guns.

Experiment

This battle was the first in which the 114th FA had an opportunity to use 155mm howitzers in anti-tank work. The regiment's two batteries of 75s are at present assigned to 31st Anti-tank Battalion.

In the heat of the battle the commander of one tank, a lieutenant jumped out and running towards the crews of two howitzers, shouted, "You are annihilated—Cease firing!" Whereupon an umpire hurried up and said to him: "Do you know what size gun that is?"

"37s," said the lieutenant. "Guess again."

"75s?"

"Look closer," advised the umpire.

Upon looking closer the Lieut. exclaimed, "Oh, 155s! In that case the first four tanks are yours."

155mm Howitzers Proved Effective The breaking up of the tank attack by staggered 155mm howitzers proved to officers that such guns are effective as anti-tank weapons. Their destructive power was terrific.

He May Be Your Sunday Dinner



—Dixie Staff Photo

Thanksgiving dinner is the topic of conversation of the two 156th soldiers and Miss Mildred Kilgore as they inspect the large gobbler on a farm near the Dixie Division rear command post. Maneuvering troops will eat regular array fare on Thanksgiving Day, but next Sunday will enjoy the "rare old bird" during a break in the problem.

Cooks Forgot Their Food On Stove To Battle The Invading Blues

The Blue Army was prepared for everything the Red Army might employ during the Corps problem last week except the "fighting-cooks" of 124th Infantry Regiment's second and third battalions.

When the army chefs learned the enemy had broken through the Red lines and were headed toward their kitchens, they armed themselves and set out cross-country in the direction of the foe.

In additions to the cooks, truck drivers and kitchen police were hastily mustered into a fighting unit.

Food was left cooking on the stove, but unmindful of dinner, which might be burned to a crisp, mess sergeants and their cooks, plus the drivers, made a mad rush for supply tents and vehicles to find their seldom-used guns. A machine gun was located and this was added to the armaments.

Leader of the band of guerrillas was Pvt. Hugh D. Nelms of Headquarters Company. Unprepared for this surprise attack, the Blues were unable to stop the Florida boys.

When the noise had died out, snipers gave the "chow slingers" 36 captives.

The only strategy employed by the cooks was the element of surprise. The charging chefs were outnumbered by men and weapons, but not outfought. As one Blue expressed it "we forgot to fight when we saw the soldiers who looked more like Cox's Army than anything else."

The crowning achievement of the brief battle was the rescue of Capt. McDonald, 124th Inf. transportation officer.

Dixie Reporter's Brassard Saves 116th Recon. Patrol

Captain Robert M. Wilbur, intelligence officer of the 116th F. A. and members of his reconnaissance unit, during the Battle of the Corps, were surrounded by 43rd Division Blue soldiers.

Riding with the scouting party was Dixie Reporter Bob Fowler, in search of a story. A sergeant from the Blue patrol asked Captain Wilbur who he was and what he was doing. Captain Wilbur thought fast. "We're just taking this reporter on an observation tour," he said. The ruse worked and the unit was permitted to continue on.

A short time later, the party was stopped again. The brassard on Pvt. Fowler's arm, saved the reconnaissance a second time.

Thought Of Food Leads Blues Into 167th Trap

All soldiers whether enemy Blues or not are vulnerable when a food element is introduced into a battle. Pvt. Red Owens, Co. G, 167th Inf., demonstrated last week.

The Albertville, Ala. soldier lay hidden alongside a road upon which a column of the 1st Armored division was passing near dusk. After a few armored vehicles had passed he jumped in the middle of the road and signalled the approaching motorcycles and scout cars to turn off, shouting at the same time:

"We're eating here." The soldiers of the armored force were gullible enough that 22 of their vehicles were captured when they turned off the main road into the center of the second battalion of the Alabama troops.

Station WLW To Broadcast War Game

It is quite probable during the next two weeks that the nation will learn more about the prowess of the Dixie Division. Word pictures of this greatest peace-time maneuver will be sent over the airways in a series of programs radiocast by station WLW, the "nation's station in Cincinnati."

The WLW mobile unit and crew, headed by Cecil Carmichael, chief of the station's events department arrived in the maneuver area last Friday. The same station and personnel broadcast the Louisiana War Games.

CAUGHT ENOUGH SQUIRRELS FOR STEW

The soldiers in the Service Company, 155th Infantry, Mississippi, caught a dozen squirrels soon after their arrival in their new bivouac area. They are still going strong.

Company cooks agreed to prepare squirrel stew, if they could have a dish for themselves.

NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT

Sgt. Cunner Stokes, mess sergeant of Co. H, 167th Inf., told a story on himself last week when he described how one of his cooks brought him a piece of leafy vine asking:

"What kind of plant is this, sergeant?"

"My gosh, that's poison ivy," the sergeant replied.

"Don't get excited, I'm not going to eat it," the unnamed cook blandly remarked.

BAND HANDLED 48 TONS OF LUMBER

The 106th Eng. band not only plays but did hard work when the regiment moved to Rodman last week. Ten bandmen handled more than 48 tons of lumber in 2 days time to provide lumber for the whole division. Before induction the 106th Engineers band was the Millsaps College Band in Jackson, Miss.

"Move Order" Cheated Them Of Chicken Dinner

A farmer and his family somewhere in South Carolina enjoyed a chicken dinner last week which cost Sergeants Elijah Jolley, Frank Miller and other soldiers of Company G, 167th Inf. \$1.75. The soldiers paid for the dinner, but just before it was ready to be served they received orders to move forward immediately.

TURNING WHEEL NEW Q. M. PAPER

A new company paper has made its appearance in the Dixie Division. It is the "Turning Wheel", appropriately named for Company F, 106th Quartermaster. Members of this unit provide drivers for staff officers. Corp. Gordon Trolley, company clerk, is its editor.

117th Band Played For Rock Hill Dance

The 117th Field Artillery Band played Friday evening for an Alabama soldiers' feed in Rock Hill. Winthrop College coeds were hostesses at the affair. Members of the band took turns at playing and dancing.

Youngsters Shower 114th With Pecans

Soldiers of the 114th F.A. could not understand why youngsters in Wadley, S. C. threw missiles at their truck as they traveled through the community. One of the "stones" landed in a truck. The stones turned out to be paper shell pecans. From then on it was a mad scramble for the nuts.

WRONG WAY

This one also happened at night. A red officer seeing soldiers coming toward him yelled, "Turn around, you're going the wrong way!" The soldiers turned out to be, not his own soldiers, but a company of blues.

LOST

LOST—Small white dog with brown spots. Answers to name "Diddibitecha." Return to Tech. Sgt. E. E. Lansing, Med. Det., 156th Inf.

LOST—Field jacket, Friday night at Baptist church in Great Falls. Cap and gloves in pockets of jacket. Finder please contact Pvt. Andrew J. Locke, Co. F, 155th Inf.

Col. Kuttner Led 62nd Brig. In Corps War

The 156th Infantry regiment, assumed temporary command of the 61st Brigade and in the first corps battle.

Col. Kuttner took the place of Brigadier-Gen. Louis F. Guerre, commander of the brigade, who took the place of Maj. Gen. John C. Persons who directed the IV Corps.

Lt. Col. John B. Thornhill, executive officer of the regiment, led the Louisiana troops into the mock war.

Chicken Dinner Ends In Fire

Bad luck kept supply sergeants Glen P. Johnson and Robert Murphy of Company C, 106th Engineers from enjoying a barbecue chicken dinner.

The men purchased a chicken from a farmer, purchased the necessary seasoning from a store, and then tied the fowl on a stick with a piece of string and started roasting their dinner. Unfortunately the string burned, the chicken fell in the fire and the men were forced to make a meal of bread, catsup and mustard.

HOLD SONG SESSION AFTER SERVICE

Dixie Division soldiers, when not engaged in a maneuver have made it a practice to attend the Great Falls First Baptist Church Sunday evening service, and later hold an informal song session in the basement. Ladies of the congregation serve the men the coffee and cake. Recently the evening service was attended by 200 men.

PIONEER CREW BUILDS WIRE FENCE

The title "section chief of ammunition and pioneering" may be just an empty phrase to Sgt. William Risberg of Headquarters Detachment, 2nd battalion, 156th Infantry regiment.

Sgt. Risberg has completed a three wire fence around his battalion bivouac area, approximately a mile square.

Soldier Sweethearts Receive One Letter

The young lady who has been writing identical letters to Corporals Robert Dominick and James Hoggie, Co. D, 167th Inf., must have read the story about them receiving carbon-copy letters in "The Dixie," is the opinion of soldiers of that company. The two non-commissioned officers now receive but one letter from the girl friend addressed to both of them.

Infantry Invades

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high princess, Miss Lil Boulware, were guests of the Dixie Division in the maneuver area. They had lunch with Major General John C. Persons and his staff and afterwards were escorted on a tour of the Dixie regiments, which already were rushing into battle against the powerful First Army.

During the two days of her technical custody by the Dixie Division, Miss King was forced to wear a large "Prisoner of War" tag and face a barrage of flashbulbs as cameramen, both news and amateur, "shot" her in the act of firing anti-tank guns, capturing light tanks, and raiding with pistol and rifle.

Dixie men who effected the successful capture of the South Carolina queen were: Sgt. William H. Smith, Co. F; Corp. Shockley, Co. F; Corp. K. O. Helsabek, Co. F; and Pvt. Calfrey Henderson, Hq. Co., 124th Infantry.

Staff Sgt. W. J. McMinn, Co. I; Corp. Hubert Smith, Co. K; Sgt. Jesse A. Garner, Co. L; and Corp. J. R. Baines, Hq. Det., 3rd Bn., 155th Infantry.

First Sgt. William P. Heaton, Co. F; First Sgt. Roy F. Thomas, Co. M; Sgt. Frank B. Huff, Co. F; Sgt. C. L. Thomas, Co. M; and Pvt. Red Traylor, Hq. Co., 167th Infantry.

Sgt. Lloyd M. Bell, Co. M; Corp. Wilton Hoggett, Co. M; and Pvt. Marshal C. Montgomery, Co. M; 156th Infantry.

Corp. Neville Harrington and Pvt. Fraser Schauffe, Dixie Press Section, and Pvt. T. E. Giles, Co. F, 106th Quartermaster Regiment.

Soldier Met Everything Except Blues While Lost

"Ah! I made it," murmured Corp. Jas. Herndon as he staggered into the regimental command post of the 167th Infantry and collapsed one dark night last week. He had completed his mission.

The mission was to take a message to a point 100 yards distant. After delivering the message the corporal lost his direction and wandered two hours looking for the command post he had just left.

During the course of his wanderings he encountered numerous difficulties according to the harrowing tale he related.

He bumped into a house from which a snarling dog charged him. Retreating from the beast's attack he ran into a barbed-wire fence, tearing his pants in several places.

The experience with the dog left his nerves on edge for something rustled in the bushes later and he leaped aside. The blind leap was unfortunate for he tumbled down a bank into the icy waters of a creek. Finally after walking in a circle several times he reached his command post exhausted.

Blue Medico Gives 155th Man Aid

Pvt. Charles Touchstone, of Company L, 155th Inf., a member of regiment's canteen crew, looked in vain for a first aid station to have his cut arm bandaged up.

He was about ready to start a cross-country in search for an aid station when he heard a noise behind him. It was a medico wearing the enemy blue armband with the red cross on it. His first impulse was to run. Then realizing it would be better to have his arm bandaged and be taken prisoner, than to take chances of infection, he asked the medico to help him.

It developed that the enemy was Pvt. Harty Bishop, of the 43rd Division, a native of Alabama.

SIGNAL OFFICERS TO FT. MONMOUTH

First Lieutenants William E. Cain and William G. Smith, Signal Company officers, have been permanently ordered to the Signal Corps School at Fort Monmouth, N. J. for duty at the Replacement Center there.

GRATEFUL

I wish to thank my comrades in Company E, who so generously gave financial assistance in order that I might return home to visit my wife who is in the hospital.

Pvt. Marlin C. Hester, Co. E, 124th Inf.

IV Corps Blitz

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frost-bitten Piedmont highlands to prepare for the final war game.

General Griswold will have close to 100,000 men, girded with the army's most modern weapons and equipment, to hurl against the numerically superior First Army.

The principal units of his regular corps command are the 31st (Dixie) and 43rd (New England) divisions, both the old square-type national guard infantry divisions from Camp Blanding, Fla.; the newly-reorganized Fourth Motorized Division from Fort Benning, Ga., now completely motorized and partly armored, and the 74th Field Artillery Brigade, also from Blanding, equipped with the powerful 155-millimeter long-range guns.

Supplementing this strength in opposition to the First Army will be the blitzkrieg power of the First Armored Division from Fort Knox, Ky., and the Second Armored, from Fort Benning, united under the corps command of Major General Charles L. Scott, and three cavalry regiments, the Third, Sixth and 107th, in addition to numerous smaller units. The Sixth Cavalry has been entirely mechanized especially for the Carolina games to augment the power and speed of General Griswold's force.

To combat the IV Army Corps' units of power and mobility, the First Army will have, in addition to its usually heavy artillery complement, the anti-tank groups organized by General Headquarters.

Air support commands have been assigned to carry out observation, combat and bombardment missions for both forces, and more parachute troops from the battalion in training at Benning will be used in the coming games at the direction of GHQ than saw action in Louisiana.